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SUBJECT: SADAT'S DIALOGUE WITH REPS OF EGYPTIANS STUDYING ABROAD

1. ON APRIL 16 SADAT HELD THREE HOUR MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF EGYPTIAN STUDENT GROUPS STUDYING ABROAD. FBIS HAS CARRIED TEXT OF RADIO CAIRO RELEASE OF INFORMAL DISCUSSION, BUT INSOFAR AS SADAT'S REMARKS ON CERTAIN SUBJECTS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN PROGRAMMED, WISH TO SINGLE THESE OUT FOR SPECIAL NOTE.

2. EGYPTIAN/SOVIET RELATIONSHIP. SADAT SAID THAT HE WOULD REVEAL FULL DIMENSIONS OF EGYPTIAN SOVIET RELATIONSHIP AT APRIL 18 JOINT MEETING OF ASU CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND PEOPLES ASSEMBLY, BUT NOTED THAT EGYPT HAD NO INTEREST IN TAKING HOSTILE POSITION TOWARD MAJOR POWER "UNLESS THAT COUNTRY BEGINS BY TAKING A HOSTILE POSITION TOWARD US". COMMENT: IMPLICATION IS THAT SOVIETS HAVE DONE EXACTLY THIS, AND THAT SADAT WILL SINGLE OUT USSR
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FOR SPECIAL CRITICISM AT ASUCC/PA CLOSED SESSION. THIS MAY BE MADE PUBLIC IN PRESS REPORTS ON FOLLOWING DAY. SADAT'S

AGGRAVATION WITH USSR DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE LESSENED.

3. EGYPT/ISRAEL. SADAT DID NOT DEAL WITH ME SETTLEMENT DIPLOMACY, EXCEPT TO STATE THAT HE HAD ACCEPTED US MEDIATION AND THAT HE HAD "NO PROBLEM" WITH ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM SINAI. HE DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT "ANY ISRAELI AGRESSION AGAINST ANY EGYPTIAN CITY, INCLUDING THE CANAL CITIES, CONSIDERED TO BE IN THE DEPTH OF THE REPUBLIC, WILL BE MET ON OUR PART WITH LONG-RANGE MISSILES AGAINST THREE OF THEIR MAIN CITIES". SADAT NOTED THAT SEVERAL OF THESE MISSILES HAD BEEN TESTED DURING LAST MOMENTS BEFORE OCTOBER CEASEFIRE. HE ADDED THAT EGYPT WAS PREPARED FOR ANY EVENTUALLY, AND SAID THAT EGYPTIAN TANKS WERE PREPARED TO STRIKE ACROSS CANAL IF NECESSARY. COMMENT: WHILE WARNING ISRAEL AGAINST IN-DEPTH ATTACKS, AS HE DID ON OCTOBER 16, SADAT CONTINUED TO INFORM EGYPTIANS THAT THEY HAVE MAINTAINED THEIR OPTIONS DESPITE DISENGAGEMENT.

4. "OCTOBER PAPER". SADAT LABELED COMING STAGE AS ONE OF "BUILDING AND PROGRESS". HE SAID THAT TASKS OF THIS STAGE, AS DEFINED BY PAPER WERE: A) ECONOMIC GROWTH SURPASSING THAT ACHEIVED TO PRESENT; B) PREPARATION OF EGYPT FOR THE YEAR 2000; C) ECONOMIC "OPENING UP" INTERNALLY AND EXTERNALLY, AND PROVISION OF GUARANTEES FOR ALLCAPITAL; D) COMPREHENSIVE FORWARD PLANNING; E) STRENGTHENING OF PUBLIC SECTOR SO THAT IT MIGHT PLACE LEADERSHIP ROLE IN DEVELOPMENT; F) SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN GROWTH; G) HUMAN AND CULTURAL PROGRESS BASED ON SCIENCE AND FAITH; I) A SOCIETY OPEN TO "WINDS OF FREEDOM"; AND J) SOCIETY WHOSE MEMBERS ARE SECURE IN THEIR PRESENT AND FUTURE.
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